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Mr. Brayton Willbur/
Willbur-Ellis Company
320 California Street
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Brayton:

Many thanks for your note of May 20 concerning [redacted] 25X1
I also had a letter from [redacted] on the same subject and I am 25X1
passing copies of both your letters on to [redacted] together
with my own congratulatory comments.

I have just received from the Atomic Energy Commission
a rejection of my request that you be extended an invitation
to witness one of the forthcoming nuclear tests at the Eniwetok
Proving Ground. Lewis Strauss was most apologetic but said
that it was just impossible to extend the invitation because
of the severe limitations on the number of observers that can
be accommodated by the Joint Task Force 7. As a consequence
only senior officials of the Federal Government, a few members
of Congress and a very few representatives from our national
laboratories and interested agencies, such as the FDCA are
being invited.

Faithfully,

signed

Allen W. Dulles
Director

O/DCI, [redacted] : jnf 26 May 58

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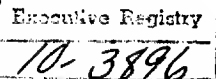
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UNITED STATES

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



May 21, 1958

MEMORANDUM TO Mr. Allen Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO MR. BRAYTON WILBUR TO WITNESS ONE
OF THE SHOTS IN THE NUCLEAR TEST SERIES
IN THE PACIFIC

25X1

Pursuant to your request, I asked Chairman Strauss about the possibility of inviting Mr. Wilbur to witness one of the forthcoming nuclear tests at the Eniwetok Proving Ground in the Pacific.

I am instructed to advise you that it will be impossible for the Commission to extend an invitation to Mr. Wilbur because of the severe limitations on the number of observers that can be accommodated by the Joint Task Force 7. Only senior officials of the Federal Government and a few members of the Congress are being invited as official observers in addition to a very few representatives from our national laboratories and interested agencies, such as FCDA.

Chairman Strauss asked me to tell you how very sorry he is that he cannot comply with your request.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul F. Foster".

Paul F. Foster
Assistant General Manager for
International Activities